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**Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS)
Threat Level: ELEVATED (Yellow)
Maritime Security Condition: ONE**

In the wake of the recent terrorist bombings overseas, the Department of Homeland Security has been aggressively monitoring and assessing information with other Federal agencies and state and local partners on potential terrorist threats to the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security remains concerned about Al-Qaeda's continued interest in aviation including using cargo jets to carry out attacks on critical infrastructure as well as targeting liquid natural gas, chemical and other hazardous materials facilities.

In response to this information, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Terrorist Threat Integration Center have issued an advisory to security personnel intended to increase the awareness of appropriate state and local authorities and the private sector responsible for security of critical infrastructure and other potential target sets.

The Captain Of The Port encourages public and private owners of vessels and maritime facilities to consider taking the following actions as applicable:

- a. Review vessel and facility security plans;
- b. Monitor restricted areas;
- c. Control access to vessels and facilities;
- d. Monitor deck areas and areas surrounding the vessel;
- e. Implement Security lookouts and/or security patrols.

We must maintain a heightened level of awareness, especially during the busy holiday travel season. For this reason, and for the safety and security of our nation, Americans must continue to be alert, undaunted and prepared to respond to a significant risk of terrorist attacks.

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